

## **TECHNICAL DATA SHEET**

### **Mutans-Sanguis Agar**

#### **Principle**

Mutans-Sanguis agar is composed of casein enzymic hydrolysate, yeast extract, L-cystine, sodium sulphite, sodium chloride, disodium phosphate, sodium bicarbonate, sodium acetate, sucrose and agar. Casein hydrolysate is source of nitrogen and amino acids. Yeast extract provides nitrogen, carbon, vitamins and minerals necessary to support bacterial growth. L-cystine lower the oxidation-reduction potential of the medium. Sodium sulphite, sodium acetate, disodium phosphate, and sodium bicarbonate are sources of ions that simulate metabolism. Sucrose is carbohydrate and energy source. The streptococci utilize the sucrose and produce extracellular polysaccharide and help in characterization of streptococci species on basis of colony morphology. *Streptococcus mutans* forms white, grey or yellow colored, rough, heaped, irregular colonies resembling frosted glass. While the *Streptococcus sanguis* forms white or colorless, smooth or rough, hard and rubbery colonies.

**Use:** For differentiation of *Streptococcus mutans* & *Streptococcus sanguinis* associated with oral microflora.

#### **Contents\***

| <b>Ingredients</b>         | <b>Gram/Litre</b> |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Casein Enzymic Hydrolysate | 15.00             |
| Yeast Extract              | 5.00              |
| L-Cystine                  | 0.20              |
| Sodium Sulphite            | 0.10              |
| Sodium Chloride            | 1.00              |
| Disodium Phosphate         | 0.80              |
| Sodium Bicarbonate         | 2.00              |
| Sodium Acetate             | 12.00             |
| Sucrose                    | 50.00             |
| Agar pH                    | 12.00             |
| at 25°C                    | 7.3 ±0.2          |

\* Formula adjusted for optimum performance and parameters

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**Directions:** Dissolve 98.10 grams in 1000 ml distilled water. Boil to dissolve the medium completely and sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 min, cool it to 42-45 °C and distribute aseptically in petri plates. Ensure complete solidification and inoculate test sample aseptically.

**Specimens types analyzed**  
Oral clinical samples etc.

## Precautions to be taken

These microbial media are intended for the in-vitro use only. All the handling, experiments, storage, and discarding should be performed with the help of skilled and knowledgeable technicians and as per the established guidelines. The material should be disposed only after proper sterilization by autoclaving. Please go through the MSDS of the media to avoid any accidents or in emergency.

## Performance and Evaluation

The expected performance of the medium is liable to use as per the direction on the label when stored at optimum conditions and within expiry date.

## Quality Control

|                                   |                                                |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Appearance                        | Beige colored free flowing, homogeneous powder |
| Reaction of 9.8% solution         | 7.3 ±0.2 at 25 °C                              |
| pH                                | 7.10- 7.50                                     |
| Gelling                           | Firm comparable with 1.2% agar gel             |
| Color and clarity of ready medium | Light amber colored opalescent gel             |
| Growth Promotion properties       | Best at ≤ 100 CFU at 32-37 °C for 18-72 h      |
| Indicative properties             | Optimum at ≤ 100 CFU at 32-37 °C for 18-48 h   |
| Negative control                  | Performed using sterile distilled water        |

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## Different Microbial Response

**Cultural characteristics observed in presence of 10% CO<sub>2</sub> + 90% H<sub>2</sub>, after an incubation at 35-37°C for 1824 hours.**

| Organism                                    | Inoculum | Growth    | Recovery | Colony color       | Colony size   |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------------------|---------------|
| <i>Streptococcus mutans</i> (ATCC 25175)    | 50-100   | Luxurious | 60-65%   | Gray to Beige      | 0.5 to 1.5 mm |
| <i>Streptococcus sanguinis</i> (ATCC 10556) | 50-100   | Luxurious | 60-65%   | White to colorless | 1 to 3 mm     |

**Storage and Shelf Life:** The product is highly hygroscopic; keep the container tightly closed at all times and store it properly as per the conditions mentioned on the label. The declared expiry is valid only when stored as per the conditions mentioned on the label. Note: Sterilize media immediately after reconstitution.

**Disposal:** To avoid the contamination or propagation of any hazardous microbes the used, unusable or modified preparation of this product must be disposed after autoclaving after completion of task.

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